

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (canceled)

Claim 2 (currently amended):      ~~A~~The support for a survey rod ~~as recited in claim 1,~~  
~~wherein~~which comprises:

a grip;

a first leg rotatably attached to said grip;

a second leg rotatably attached to said grip;

a means for slidably mounting said grip;

a means for extending and retracting said first leg and said second leg;

a means for mounting said extending and retracting means; and

a releasable means for fastening said means for mounting said extending and retracting means.

~~said means for fastening said means for mounting said extending and retracting means is releasable.~~

Claim 3 (currently amended):      A support for a survey rod, which comprises:

a grip containing an aperture;

a first leg having a first end and a second end with the first end of said first leg rotatably attached at a point of rotation to said grip;

a second leg having a first end and a second end with the first end of said second leg rotatably attached at a point of rotation to said grip;

a first spring rod having a first end and a second end with the second end of said first spring rod attached to said first leg below the point of rotation for said first leg;

a second spring rod having a first end and a second end with the second end of said second spring rod attached to said second leg below the point of rotation for said second leg; and

a collar having an aperture and also a releasable fastener, said collar being attached to the first end of said first spring rod and to the first end of said second spring rod with the second end of said first spring rod being farther from an axis running between said collar and said grip than is the first end of said first spring rod and with the second end of said second spring rod being farther from ~~the~~an axis running between said collar and said grip than is the first end of said second spring rod.

Claim 4 (original): The support for a survey rod as recited in claim 3, wherein:

said first spring rod is resilient; and

said second spring rod is resilient.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The support for a survey rod as recited in claim 4, wherein:

~~the~~attachment of said first spring rod to said first leg is a rotatable attachment;

and

~~the~~attachment of said second spring rod to said second leg is a rotatable attachment.

Claim 6 (currently amended):        The support for a survey rod as recited in claim 5,  
wherein:

the first end of said first leg has a bevel that rotates toward and eventually against  
said grip as said first leg is extended, thereby limiting ~~the~~ extension of said first leg; and

the first end of said second leg has a bevel that rotates toward and eventually  
against said grip as said second leg is extended, thereby limiting ~~the~~ extension of said  
second leg.

Claim 7 (currently amended):        The support for a survey rod as recited in claim 4,  
wherein:

the first end of said first leg has a bevel that rotates toward and eventually against  
said grip as said first leg is extended, thereby limiting ~~the~~ extension of said first leg; and

the first end of said second leg has a bevel that rotates toward and eventually  
against said grip as said second leg is extended, thereby limiting ~~the~~ extension of said  
second leg.

Claim 8 (currently amended):        The support for a survey rod as recited in claim 3,  
wherein:

~~the~~ attachment of said first spring rod to said first leg is a rotatable attachment;  
and

~~the~~ attachment of said second spring rod to said second leg is a rotatable  
attachment.

Claim 9 (currently amended):        The support for a survey rod as recited in claim 8,  
wherein:

the first end of said first leg has a bevel that rotates toward and eventually against  
said grip as said first leg is extended, thereby limiting ~~the~~ extension of said first leg; and

the first end of said second leg has a bevel that rotates toward and eventually  
against said grip as said second leg is extended, thereby limiting ~~the~~ extension of said  
second leg.

Claim 10 (currently amended):        The support for a survey rod as recited in claim 3,  
wherein:

the first end of said first leg has a bevel that rotates toward and eventually against  
said grip as said first leg is extended, thereby limiting ~~the~~ extension of said first leg; and

the first end of said second leg has a bevel that rotates toward and eventually  
against said grip as said second leg is extended, thereby limiting ~~the~~ extension of said  
second leg.

Claim 11 (currently amended):        The support for a survey rod as recited in claim 3,  
wherein:

said first spring rod is rigid;

~~the~~ attachment of said first spring rod to said first leg is a rotatable attachment;

~~the~~ attachment of said first spring rod to said collar is a rotatable attachment;

said second spring rod is rigid;

~~the~~ attachment of said second spring rod to said second leg is a rotatable  
attachment; and

~~the~~ attachment of said second spring rod to said collar is a rotatable attachment.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A support for a survey rod, which comprises:

a grip containing an aperture;

a first leg having a first end and a second end with the first end of said first leg rotatably attached at a point of rotation to said grip and also with the first end of said first leg having a bevel that rotates toward and eventually against said grip as said first leg is extended, thereby limiting the extension of said first leg;

a second leg having a first end and a second end with the first end of said second leg rotatably attached at a point of rotation to said grip and also with the first end of said second leg having a bevel that rotates toward and eventually against said grip as said second leg is extended, thereby limiting the extension of said second leg;

a first resilient spring rod having a first end and a second end with the second end of said first resilient spring rod rotatably attached to said first leg below the point of rotation for said first leg;

a second resilient spring rod having a first end and a second end with the second end of said second resilient spring rod rotatably attached to said second leg below the point of rotation for said second leg; and

a collar having an aperture and also a releasable fastener, said collar being attached to the first end of said first resilient spring rod and to the first end of said second resilient spring rod with the second end of said first spring rod being farther from an axis running between said collar and said grip than is the first end of said first spring rod and with the second end of said second spring rod being farther from ~~the~~an axis running between said collar and said grip than is the first end of said second spring rod.

Claim 13 (original): A support for a survey rod, which comprises:

a grip containing an aperture;

a first leg having a first end and a second end with the first end of said first leg rotatably attached at a point of rotation to said grip;

a second leg having a first end and a second end with the first end of said second leg rotatably attached at a point of rotation to said grip;

a first rigid spring rod having a first end and a second end with the second end of said first rigid spring rod rotatably attached to said first leg below the point of rotation for said first leg;

a second rigid spring rod having a first end and a second end with the second end of said second rigid spring rod attached to said second leg below the point of rotation for said second leg; and

a collar having an aperture and also a releasable fastener, said collar being rotatably attached to the first end of said first rigid spring rod and to the first end of said second rigid spring rod with the second end of said first spring rod being farther from an axis running between said collar and said grip than is the first end of said first spring rod and with the second end of said second spring rod being farther from ~~the~~an axis running between said collar and said grip than is the first end of said second spring rod.

Claim 14 (currently amended):      A support ~~for~~in combination with a survey rod, which comprises:

a survey rod;

a grip slidably mounted on said survey rod;

a first leg having a first end and a second end with the first end of said first leg rotatably attached at a point of rotation to said grip;

a second leg having a first end and a second end with the first end of said second leg rotatably attached at a point of rotation to said grip;

a first spring rod having a first end and a second end with the first end of said first spring rod attached to said survey rod below said grip and with the second end of said first spring rod attached to said first leg below the point of rotation for said first leg;

a second spring rod having a first end and a second end with the first end of said second spring rod attached to said survey rod below said grip, ~~and~~ with the second end of said second spring rod attached to said second leg below the point of rotation for said second leg, with the second end of said first spring rod being farther from ~~an axis running between said collar and said grip~~survey rod than is the first end of said first spring rod, and with the second end of said second spring rod being farther from ~~an axis running between said collar and said grip~~survey rod than is the first end of said second spring rod.

Claim 15 (currently amended):      The support ~~for~~in combination with a survey rod as recited in claim 14, wherein:

said first spring rod is resilient; and

said second spring rod is resilient.

Claim 16 (currently amended):      The support ~~for~~in combination with a survey rod as recited in claim 15, wherein:

~~the~~ attachment of said first spring rod to said first leg is a rotatable attachment;  
and

~~the~~ attachment of said second spring rod to said second leg is a rotatable attachment.

Claim 17 (currently amended): The support ~~for~~in combination with a survey rod as recited in claim 16~~2~~, wherein:

the first end of said first leg has a bevel that rotates toward and eventually against said grip as said first leg is extended, thereby limiting the extension of said first leg; and

the first end of said second leg has a bevel that rotates toward and eventually against said grip as said second leg is extended, thereby limiting the extension of said second leg.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The support ~~for~~in combination with a survey rod as recited in claim 15, wherein:

the first end of said first leg has a bevel that rotates toward and eventually against said grip as said first leg is extended, thereby limiting ~~the~~ extension of said first leg; and

the first end of said second leg has a bevel that rotates toward and eventually against said grip as said second leg is extended, thereby limiting ~~the~~ extension of said second leg.

Claim 19 (currently amended): The support ~~for~~in combination with a survey rod as recited in claim 14, wherein:

~~the~~ attachment of said first spring rod to said first leg is a rotatable attachment; and

~~the~~ attachment of said second spring rod to said second leg is a rotatable attachment.

Claim 20 (currently amended): The support ~~for~~in combination with a survey rod as recited in claim 19, wherein:



the first end of said first leg has a bevel that rotates toward and eventually against said grip as said first leg is extended, thereby limiting ~~the~~ extension of said first leg; and

the first end of said second leg has a bevel that rotates toward and eventually against said grip as said second leg is extended, thereby limiting ~~the~~ extension of said second leg.

Claim 21 (currently amended): The support ~~for~~ in combination with a survey rod as recited in claim 14, wherein:

the first end of said first leg has a bevel that rotates toward and eventually against said grip as said first leg is extended, thereby limiting ~~the~~ extension of said first leg; and

the first end of said second leg has a bevel that rotates toward and eventually against said grip as said second leg is extended, thereby limiting ~~the~~ extension of said second leg.

Claim 22 (currently amended): The support ~~for~~ in combination with a survey rod as recited in claim 14, wherein:

said first spring rod is rigid;

~~the~~ attachment of said first spring rod to said first leg is a rotatable attachment;

~~the~~ attachment of said first spring rod to said survey rod is a rotatable attachment;

said second spring rod is rigid;

~~the~~ attachment of said second spring rod to said second leg is a rotatable attachment; and

~~the~~ attachment of said second spring rod to said survey rod is a rotatable attachment.

Claim 23 (currently amended): The support ~~for~~in combination with a survey rod as recited in claim 14, wherein

~~the~~ attachment of said first spring rod to said survey rod is a releasable attachment; and

~~the~~ attachment of said second spring rod to said survey rod is a releasable attachment.

24. A support ~~for~~in combination with a survey rod, which comprises:

a survey rod;

a grip slidably mounted on said survey rod;

a first leg having a first end and a second end with the first end of said first leg rotatably attached at a point of rotation to said grip;

a second leg having a first end and a second end with the first end of said second leg rotatably attached at a point of rotation to said grip;

a first spring rod having a first end and a second end with the second end of said first spring rod attached to said first leg below the point of rotation for said first leg;

a second spring rod having a first end and a second end with the second end of said second spring rod attached to said second leg below the point of rotation for said second leg; and

a collar attached to said survey rod below said grip, said collar also being attached to the first end of said first spring rod and to the first end of said second spring rod with the second end of said first spring rod being farther from an axis running between said collar and said grip than is the first end of said first spring rod and with the second end of

said second spring rod being farther from ~~the~~an axis running between said collar and said grip than is the first end of said second spring rod.

Claim 25 (currently amended):      The support ~~for~~in combination with a survey rod as recited in claim 24, wherein:

said first spring rod is resilient; and

said second spring rod is resilient.

Claim 26 (currently amended):      The support ~~for~~in combination with a survey rod as recited in claim 25, wherein:

~~the~~ attachment of said first spring rod to said first leg is a rotatable attachment;  
and

~~the~~ attachment of said second spring rod to said second leg is a rotatable attachment.

Claim 27 (currently amended):      The support ~~for~~in combination with a survey rod as recited in claim 26, wherein:

the first end of said first leg has a bevel that rotates toward and eventually against said grip as said first leg is extended, thereby limiting ~~the~~ extension of said first leg; and

the first end of said second leg has a bevel that rotates toward and eventually against said grip as said second leg is extended, thereby limiting ~~the~~ extension of said second leg.

Claim 28 (currently amended):      The support ~~for~~in combination with a survey rod as recited in claim 25, wherein:

the first end of said first leg has a bevel that rotates toward and eventually against said grip as said first leg is extended, thereby limiting ~~the~~ extension of said first leg; and

the first end of said second leg has a bevel that rotates toward and eventually against said grip as said second leg is extended, thereby limiting ~~the~~ extension of said second leg.

Claim 29 (currently amended): The support ~~for~~ in combination with a survey rod as recited in claim 24, wherein:

~~the~~ attachment of said first spring rod to said first leg is a rotatable attachment; and

~~the~~ attachment of said second spring rod to said second leg is a rotatable attachment.

Claim 30 (currently amended): The support ~~for~~ in combination with a survey rod as recited in claim 29, wherein:

the first end of said first leg has a bevel that rotates toward and eventually against said grip as said first leg is extended, thereby limiting ~~the~~ extension of said first leg; and

the first end of said second leg has a bevel that rotates toward and eventually against said grip as said second leg is extended, thereby limiting ~~the~~ extension of said second leg.

Claim 31 (currently amended): The support ~~for~~ in combination with a survey rod as recited in claim 24, wherein:

the first end of said first leg has a bevel that rotates toward and eventually against said grip as said first leg is extended, thereby limiting ~~the~~ extension of said first leg; and

the first end of said second leg has a bevel that rotates toward and eventually against said grip as said second leg is extended, thereby limiting ~~the~~ extension of said second leg.

Claim 32 (currently amended): The support ~~for~~in combination with a survey rod as recited in claim 24, wherein:

said first spring rod is rigid;

~~the~~ attachment of said first spring rod to said first leg is a rotatable attachment;

~~the~~ attachment of said first spring rod to said collar is a rotatable attachment;

said second spring rod is rigid;

~~the~~ attachment of said second spring rod to said second leg is a rotatable attachment; and

~~the~~ attachment of said second spring rod to said collar is a rotatable attachment.

Claim 33 (currently amended): The support ~~for~~in combination with a survey rod as recited in claim 24, wherein:

the attachment of said collar to said survey rod is releasable.

Claim 34 (currently amended): The support ~~for~~in combination with a survey rod as recited in claim 33, wherein:

said first spring rod is resilient; and

said second spring rod is resilient.

Claim 35 (currently amended): The support ~~for~~in combination with a survey rod as recited in claim ~~34~~6, wherein:

~~the~~ attachment of said first spring rod to said first leg is a rotatable attachment;

and

~~the~~ attachment of said second spring rod to said second leg is a rotatable attachment.

Claim 36 (currently amended): The support ~~for~~in combination with a survey rod as recited in claim 35, wherein:

the first end of said first leg has a bevel that rotates toward and eventually against said grip as said first leg is extended, thereby limiting ~~the~~ extension of said first leg; and

the first end of said second leg has a bevel that rotates toward and eventually against said grip as said second leg is extended, thereby limiting ~~the~~ extension of said second leg.

Claim 37 (currently amended): The support ~~for~~in combination with a survey rod as recited in claim 34, wherein:

the first end of said first leg has a bevel that rotates toward and eventually against said grip as said first leg is extended, thereby limiting ~~the~~ extension of said first leg; and

the first end of said second leg has a bevel that rotates toward and eventually against said grip as said second leg is extended, thereby limiting ~~the~~ extension of said second leg.

Claim 38 (currently amended): The support ~~for~~in combination with a survey rod as recited in claim 33, wherein:

~~the~~ attachment of said first spring rod to said first leg is a rotatable attachment;  
and

~~the~~ attachment of said second spring rod to said second leg is a rotatable attachment.

Claim 39 (currently amended): The support ~~for~~in combination with a survey rod as recited in claim 38, wherein:

the first end of said first leg has a bevel that rotates toward and eventually against said grip as said first leg is extended, thereby limiting ~~the~~ extension of said first leg; and

the first end of said second leg has a bevel that rotates toward and eventually against said grip as said second leg is extended, thereby limiting ~~the~~ extension of said second leg.

Claim 40 (currently amended): The support ~~for~~in combination with a survey rod as recited in claim 33, wherein:

the first end of said first leg has a bevel that rotates toward and eventually against said grip as said first leg is extended, thereby limiting ~~the~~ extension of said first leg; and

the first end of said second leg has a bevel that rotates toward and eventually against said grip as said second leg is extended, thereby limiting ~~the~~ extension of said second leg.

Claim 41 (currently amended): The support ~~for~~in combination with a survey rod as recited in claim 33, wherein:

said first spring rod is rigid;

~~the~~ attachment of said first spring rod to said first leg is a rotatable attachment;

~~the~~ attachment of said first spring rod to said collar is a rotatable attachment;

said second spring rod is rigid;

~~the~~ attachment of said second spring rod to said second leg is a rotatable attachment; and

~~the~~ attachment of said second spring rod to said collar is a rotatable attachment.

Claim 42 (currently amended): A support ~~for~~in combination with a survey rod,  
which comprises:

a survey rod;

a grip slidably mounted on said survey rod;

a first leg having a first end and a second end with the first end of said first leg rotatably attached at a point of rotation to said grip and also with the first end of said first leg having a bevel that rotates toward and eventually against said grip as said first leg is extended, thereby limiting the extension of said first leg;

a second leg having a first end and a second end with the first end of said second leg rotatably attached at a point of rotation to said grip and also with the first end of said second leg having a bevel that rotates toward and eventually against said grip as said second leg is extended, thereby limiting the extension of said second leg;

a first resilient spring rod having a first end and a second end with the first end of said first resilient spring rod attached to said survey rod below said grip and with the second end of said first resilient spring rod rotatably attached to said first leg below the point of rotation for said first leg; and

a second resilient spring rod having a first end and a second end the first end of said second resilient spring rod attached to said survey rod below said grip and with the second end of said second resilient spring rod rotatably attached to said second leg below the point of rotation for said second leg with the second end of said first spring rod being farther from said survey rod than is the first end of said first spring rod and with the second end of said second spring rod being farther from said survey rod than is the first end of said second spring rod.



Claim 43 (currently amended): A support ~~for~~in combination with a survey rod,  
which comprises:

a survey rod;

a grip slidably mounted on said survey rod;

a first leg having a first end and a second end with the first end of said first leg rotatably attached at a point of rotation to said grip;

a second leg having a first end and a second end with the first end of said second leg rotatably attached at a point of rotation to said grip;

a first rigid spring rod having a first end and a second end with the first end of said first rigid spring rod rotatably attached to said survey rod below said grip and with the second end of said first rigid spring rod rotatably attached to said first leg below the point of rotation for said first leg; and

a second rigid spring rod having a first end and a second end the first end of said second rigid spring rod rotatably attached to said survey rod below said grip and with the second end of said second rigid spring rod rotatably attached to said second leg below the point of rotation for said second leg with the second end of said first spring rod being farther from said survey rod than is the first end of said first spring rod and with the second end of said second spring rod being farther from said survey rod than is the first end of said second spring rod.

Claim 44 (currently amended): A support ~~for~~in combination with a survey rod,  
which comprises:

a survey rod;

a grip slidably mounted on said survey rod;

a first leg having a first end and a second end with the first end of said first leg rotatably attached at a point of rotation to said grip and also with the first end of said first leg having a bevel that rotates toward and eventually against said grip as said first leg is extended, thereby limiting the extension of said first leg;

a second leg having a first end and a second end with the first end of said second leg rotatably attached at a point of rotation to said grip and also with the first end of said second leg having a bevel that rotates toward and eventually against said grip as said second leg is extended, thereby limiting the extension of said second leg;

a first resilient spring rod having a first end and a second end with the second end of said first resilient spring rod rotatably attached to said first leg below the point of rotation for said first leg;

a second resilient spring rod having a first end and a second end with the second end of said second resilient spring rod rotatably attached to said second leg below the point of rotation for said second leg; and

a collar attached to said survey rod below said grip, said collar also being attached to the first end of said first resilient spring rod and to the first end of said second resilient spring rod with the second end of said first spring rod being farther from said survey rod than is the first end of said first spring rod and with the second end of said second spring rod being farther from said survey rod than is the first end of said second spring rod.

Claim 45 (currently amended):      A support ~~for~~in combination with a survey rod, which comprises:

a survey rod;

a grip slidably mounted on said survey rod;

a first leg having a first end and a second end with the first end of said first leg rotatably attached at a point of rotation to said grip;

a second leg having a first end and a second end with the first end of said second leg rotatably attached at a point of rotation to said grip;

a first rigid spring rod having a first end and a second end with the second end of said first rigid spring rod rotatably attached to said first leg below the point of rotation for said first leg;

a second rigid spring rod having a first end and a second end with the second end of said second rigid spring rod rotatably attached to said second leg below the point of rotation for said second leg; and

a collar attached to said survey rod below said grip, said collar also being rotatably attached to the first end of said first rigid spring rod and to the first end of said second rigid spring rod with the second end of said first spring rod being farther from said survey rod than is the first end of said first spring rod and with the second end of said second spring rod being farther from said survey rod than is the first end of said second spring rod.

Claim 46 (currently amended): A support ~~for~~in combination with a survey rod, which comprises:

a survey rod;

a grip slidably mounted on said survey rod;

a first leg having a first end and a second end with the first end of said first leg rotatably attached at a point of rotation to said grip and also with the first end of said first

leg having a bevel that rotates toward and eventually against said grip as said first leg is extended, thereby limiting ~~the~~ extension of said first leg;

a second leg having a first end and a second end with the first end of said second leg rotatably attached at a point of rotation to said grip and also with the first end of said second leg having a bevel that rotates toward and eventually against said grip as said second leg is extended, thereby limiting ~~the~~ extension of said second leg;

a first resilient spring rod having a first end and a second end with the second end of said first resilient spring rod rotatably attached to said first leg below the point of rotation for said first leg;

a second resilient spring rod having a first end and a second end with the second end of said second resilient spring rod rotatably attached to said second leg below the point of rotation for said second leg; and

a collar releasably attached to said survey rod below said grip, said collar also being attached to the first end of said first resilient spring rod and to the first end of said second resilient spring rod with the second end of said first spring rod being farther from said survey rod than is the first end of said first spring rod and with the second end of said second spring rod being farther from said survey rod than is the first end of said second spring rod.

Claim 47 (currently amended):      A support ~~for~~ in combination with a survey rod, which comprises:

a survey rod;

a grip slidably mounted on said survey rod;

a first leg having a first end and a second end with the first end of said first leg rotatably attached at a point of rotation to said grip;

a second leg having a first end and a second end with the first end of said second leg rotatably attached at a point of rotation to said grip;

a first rigid spring rod having a first end and a second end with the second end of said first rigid spring rod rotatably attached to said first leg below the point of rotation for said first leg;

a second rigid spring rod having a first end and a second end with the second end of said second rigid spring rod rotatably attached to said second leg below the point of rotation for said second leg; and

a collar releasably attached to said survey rod below said grip, said collar also being rotatably attached to the first end of said first rigid spring rod and to the first end of said second rigid spring rod with the second end of said first spring rod being farther from said survey rod than is the first end of said first spring rod and with the second end of said second spring rod being farther from said survey rod than is the first end of said second spring rod.